

AGN. NO.

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS

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LEAD LEVELS IN REUSABLE BAGS: CLARIFYING AMENDMENT TO ITEM 41

In the ordinance to ban plastic bags that is before the Board of Supervisors today, a variety of criteria is used to define the qualities of a reusable bag. Specifically, the definition includes criteria that would limit the use of lead, cadmium or other heavy metals in toxic amounts. In light of the recent public health concerns related to lead toxicity in reusable bags, the Board should specifically clarify the lead threshold to be used for these metals within the ordinance language.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS direct County Counsel to clarify the language of the ordinance as follows: Reusable bags should not contain levels of lead, cadmium or heavy metals in toxic amounts, as defined by applicable State and Federal standards and regulations for packaging or reusable bags.

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